Massachusetts All-Payer Claims Database
Monthly Technical Assistance Group (TAG) Webinar
Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2011
Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST

The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (Division) convenes a monthly technical assistance group (TAG) webinar with health care payers to discuss the all-payer claims database (APCD) implementation and provide technical support to the group. The following is a summary of the meeting from Tuesday, December 13, 2011:

I. **Welcome and Introduction**

Y. Joo welcomed everyone to the Massachusetts all-payer claims database (APCD) technical assistance group (TAG) webinar and explained to those attendees participating via conference call that the conference call will not be available for monthly meetings going forward. Y. Joo explained how the TAG webinar will have a consistent link from month to month that will allow participants to place the recurring meeting and webinar registration link into their Outlook calendars. Y. Joo thanked participants for their engagement with the Division to make the implementation of the APCD successful and reviewed the TAG call agenda with payers.

II. **APCD Administrative Updates**

a. **TAG meeting summary notes from previous months available on the APCD website**

- The Division is committed to providing payers with the documentation and support necessary to ensure the successful implementation of the APCD. While the Division encourages full payer participation on the TAG calls, the Division recognizes that some payers are not able to participate and therefore has made meeting summary notes available for download on the APCD website (www.mass.gov/dhcfp/apcd) under USER RESOURCES to ensure important information is available to all. The website has been updated recently and now includes .zip files containing file edits in .pdf and excel format.

- The APCD events webpage will soon contain a link to all future webinars that will remain consistent from month to month. This link replaces the phone number / passcode for the conference line, which is no longer in place (as mentioned above).

- For your convenience: here is the new webinar link: https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/941044990

III. Technical Support

    a. Edit Update - $0 Charge Issue

- **<u>Key Points</u>:**

    1. Specifics of Edit Change:

        i. EditIDs 2151, 2268, 2358: will count towards the threshold for each field and remain unchanged

        ii. EditIDs 2610, 2635, 2654: will Fail the file if a record is in error and were updated to remove the $0 condition.

        iii. EditIDs 3920, 3921, 3922: are new and will count towards the threshold for each field

    2. Further Refinement:

        i. DHCFP will continue to work with (MAHP) to determine if more refinements are necessary

        ii. Payers should continue to work with MAHP and their liaisons to provide billing rules and documentation for $0 charge instances

    3. Files Will be Rerun:

        i. DHCFP will rerun any files any files that are in-house that have failed and would otherwise pass

        ii. Payers should work with their liaison to ensure their files are rerun

    4. Payers should continue to submit files as usual and discuss any problems with their liaison

    b. Payer Specific Questions

- Kris Robinson (Wellpoint) had a question regarding file headers / trailers. Specifically, if they are submitting files from Apr. 2010 through June 2010, and are using June 2010 as the through date, do they still need to have December 2010 in the header / trailer? Paul Smith answered that the header / trailer should read Dec. 2010. The submission will process even though it's only a partial file and does not reflect 12/2010 in the actual data. Question 75 in the FAQs explains this in more detail.

IV. Additional Items and Next Steps

- The **next TAG webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th from 2pm – 3pm EST** and subsequent webinars are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:40 P.M.